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It was a real thrill for thousands of youthful Endeavorers to meet the president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, at the recent Australian Convention held in Adelaide. Many of the young people wore distinctive Christian Endeavor blazers, as well as convention ribbons and badges.

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From the Executive Secretary . . .

WANTED: PARTNERS! The need of Christian Endeavor International today is partners—all across this North American continent. Praying partners, who will pledge themselves to a fellowship of prayer for the movement, its leaders, its program, that in all things God might be glorified. Telling partners, eager, willing to tell the Christian Endeavor story; of its interdenominational, interracial and international character and mission; of its church centered, Christ-honoring program, at once educational, evangelical and ecumenical. Sharing partners, determined to undergird the ministry of Christian Endeavor for Christ and the Church. Join now with scores of others in the Cost-For-A-Day Movement, underwriting the cost of operations of Christian Endeavor International for a day or several days. Youth will ever be grateful for your being a partner.

AN INVITATION! Make this year's vacation a vacation with a purpose! Enjoy the rich fellowship of International Christian Endeavor's Fellowship Tour of Europe and share with Christian Endeavorers from the world over at the 13th World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Frankfurt, Germany, this summer. Thirty thrill-packed days, visiting eight countries. Already half of our space allotment is taken. Send your reservation today!

WELCOME, CECIL AND MARY! A hearty Christian Endeavor welcome to Cecil and Mary Jeffery as they move to Columbus, the youth capital of the world. On March 1 Cecil will become the Extension Secretary of the International Society and part-time General Secretary of the Ohio Christian Endeavor Union. Cecil and Mary have been wonderfully used of God in many capacities in and through Christian Endeavor. He has been vice-president of the International Society in charge of the Pacific Region since July of 1955. He has served on the Finance, Nominating and Executive Committees. He is vice-president of the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference. His is a long list of accomplishments in Christian Endeavor in his native state of California. We thank God again and again that He has led these wonderful people to the full-time work of Christian Endeavor. They come to this important work with the words of Colossians 1:10 burning on their lips.

A LONG TIME COMING! World's Union President Dr. Daniel A. Poling just the other day received a postal card intended for use in connection with Christian Endeavor's Golden Anniversary. Postmarked December 4, 1957, the card pledged assistance to make the 1931 celebration of 27 years ago a memorable one.

WE MOURN! In a recent collision of two military planes over Norwalk, a suburb of Los Angeles, California, 48 persons were killed. One of the 48 dead was Lieutenant Commander Chaplain Peter Bol, a native of Grand Haven, Michigan. Chaplain Bol, one of 41 persons aboard a military transport which collided with a Navy patrol bomber, was an active Christian Endeavorer while at Hope College in Holland, Michigan, through the Holland and the Michigan Christian Endeavor Unions. A few days after his death he was to have been honored as Navy chaplain of the year. Our Christian sympathy goes out to those who survive him. We rejoice in the full and rich life that was his.

ABOUT CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS! Dr. Willard G. Purdy, Christian Endeavor enthusiast from New Jersey and Delaware, has recently resigned from the First and Central Presbyterian Church, in the heart of Wilmington, Delaware, to retire. . . . Howard Buchanan, of Covington, Ohio, has been elected President of the Dayton Presbytery Council of Presbyterian Men. . . . Claire Pfeiffer, Fords, New Jersey, has been ordained to the Board of Deacons of the Woodbridge Presbyterian Church. A long-time Christian Endeavorer and specialist in Christian Endeavor recreation conferences and activities, Claire is the first woman in the 282 years history of her home church to be so ordained.

Harold Westerhoff

e Hotel Governor Clinton, opposite nnsylvania Station, will be Convocation adquarters.

Citizenship Convocation Scheduled for New York City

Endeavorers Will Meet July 4-6; Program Includes Outstanding Speakers, Visits to Places of Historic and Spiritual Significance

Citizenship Contest Winners To Be Honored During Sessions

Every visitor to New York City wants to see this famous "lady."

Youth from the United States and Canada will gather in ew York City July 4-6 to participate in Christian Endeavor's tizenship Convocation.

This activity is part of the Christian Citizenship Crusade onsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor, ıder the guidance of Robert C. Ross, citizenship director.

The Albert H. Diebold Awards in Christian Endeavor's venth annual Citizenship Contest will be presented during the onvocation. The two top winners will each receive $200 in sh and will be sent to the Convocation with all their expenses ıid (up to a maximum of $200). All state, provincial, regional, ıd International contest victors will be honored at a special itizenship Rally which will be held Saturday evening, July 5.

The Hotel Governor Clinton will be headquarters. Total ost, including meals, hotel accommodations, and the Convocaon fee, is $30. A $5 deposit will reserve a place for each deleate. Use the convenient form printed on this page.

The Convocation begins Friday, July 4, with dinner at 5:30 .M. in the Hotel Governor Clinton. In the evening a special orship service will be conducted by Convocation delegates at e Bowery Mission, giving opportunity for a first hand view of the vital work being done on New York's "Skid Row." Later that evening delegates will be made aware of the tremendous challenges to Christian Citizenship in the heart of New York as they attend Magistrate's Night Court.

Saturday, July 5, following a Quiet Hour service with Dr. Earle W. Gates as speaker, the group will tour the United Nations buildings. After lunch a three hour yacht cruise around Manhattan will give delegates a comprehensive view of the great city.

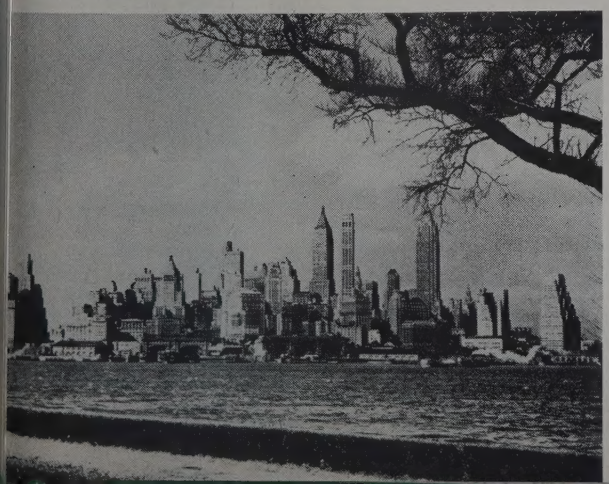
Saturday evening's program includes a Convocation Banquet at the hotel, followed by the rally in the Governor Room, where winners in the Citizenship Contest will receive their awards.

Sunday morning delegates will meet together for Quiet Hour, attend worship at one of New York's many famous churches, and come together for buzz group discussion on "What Does It All Mean?"

There will be a luncheon at the hotel, followed by a dedication service led by Dr. Daniel A. Poling. The Convocation will come to a close at 2:00 P.M.

This is the third Citizenship Convocation conducted by Christian Endeavor. The first was held in Washington, D. C. in 1952, followed by one in 1956, also in the Nation's Capital.

ew York's downtown skyline will be seen during the yacht cruise around anhattan Island.



Citizenship Convocation Registration Blank

Please reserve a place and register me for the Citizenship Convocation. Here is $5.00 payment which will apply on my $30.00 convocation fee (including meals from Friday night dinner through Sunday noon luncheon and hotel accommodations for Friday and Saturday nights—three or four to a room).

Name ..... Age .....

Address .....

City ..... State .....

Church ..... C. E. Union .....

Mail this application and $5.00 to International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Convention "Down Under" Is Tops!

Dr. Poling Reports on Visits to Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii

The 27th National Christian Endeavor Convention of the Australian Union was one of the most inspiring I have attended anywhere in the world. Never have I addressed a more uniformly effective, a more wisely planned, a more successfully integrated youth gathering. The music—chorus and congregational—was superlative. Convention facilities were unusual. The Centennial Hall and the many buildings surrounding it made possible the housing of exhibits and conferences without crowding but easily accessible. These conferences covered every phase of Christian Endeavor activities. And the evening sessions, ranging in attendance from 4,000 above 5,000, were glorious occasions. The time schedule was meticulously kept and there were no crowded programs. Every session was evangelistic in spirit and pointed toward personal decisions.

On Sunday afternoon, following the "witness" parade, 10,000 young people and their older families and friends gathered in the beautiful riverside park for song and testimony. The weather and setting were perfect and the sight to this American's eyes beautiful indeed. The principal speaker, Richard Cleaver, now a member of the National Parliament from Perth in West Australia, was when I came to know him, a youthful delegate to the Melbourne World's Convention of 1938. He is a lay preacher and a dedicated public servant. Nearly 150 personal decisions were made before the final decision and consecration service which was to be held after I left the Convention.

Adelaide is perhaps Australia's most beautiful city. The system of continuing parks uniformly a mile wide encircles the lovely community. On Sunday evening, I spoke in the Flinders Street Baptist Church which is the "Williston" of Australia. Here Christian Endeavor was organized in South Australia and has had an unbroken history of service to youth ever since. Also, Adelaide and South Australia gave Harry N. Holmes to Christian Endeavor's national and world leadership. His name is still richly treasured in this great land. Dr. Clark, himself, made two memorable visits to Adelaide, the first in 1892. The Reverend Leslie Gomm, pastor of Flinders Street Baptist Church, is a former president of the National Union. He was chairman of the Adelaide Convention committee. I met him first in France where he was senior chaplain of Australia's troops. He was a most gracious host. The only son of the Gomms, a radiant Christian Endeavorer nineteen years of age, gave "the last full measure" in World War II.

Mr. George Nelson of Brisbane, a vice-president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and who was Australia's National President during the 1938 World's Convention, by his presence and wise counsel made an outstanding contribution to Adelaide this year. He is the recognized and loved elder statesman of Australia's Christian Endeavor movement.

Finally! Here is the Convention that, few other state or international gatherin could serve organizationally, educationa evangelistically, musically, socially spiritually as a model and pattern Christian Endeavor unions everywhe

Second finally!! Australia's "Convent Salute" was something to see. In greet speakers, and many announcements, th sands of programs were waved in the It was a moving sea of white across great auditorium. Though perfectly s from the scattering of germs, it remind me of the old-time "Chautauqua Salut

New Zealand

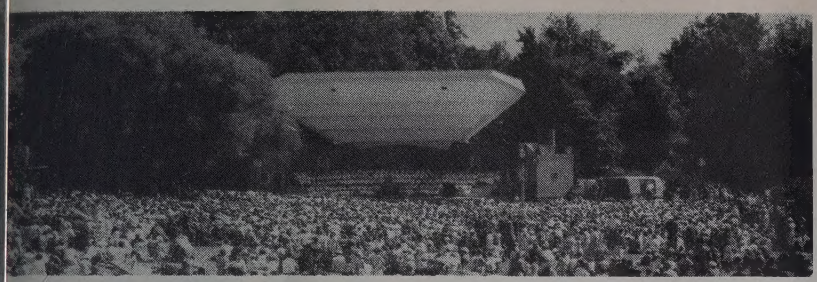
The New Zealand Christian Endeav Union is not large numerically but it is vital and dedicated movement with gro ing strength. The National Secretary, M ray F. Smith, is giving Christian Endeav an executive leadership that is both sacr cial and efficient. I met a noonday lun eon group in Auckland and in the even of the same day a delightful company Christian Endeavorers at the home of and Mrs. Smith.

The biennial gatherings of Christ Endeavor in January of the uneven ye are well attended. The programs t emphasize Christian Endeavor fundame als cover all phases of Christian Endeav work.

In New Zealand, as in Australia, visit of Dr. and Mrs. Bryan is well happily remembered. The Bryans made notable contribution to Christian Endeav wherever they went and the loss of beloved Ernie is nowhere more keenly than in the great lands "down under."

My flights to and from Australia we to say the least, "memorable." After prea ing in New York Sunday night, Janua 5th, with the thermometer resting p

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, was the guest speaker at Australia's 27th National Christian Endeavor Convention in Adelaide January 8-16. Theme of the convention was "Let GOD be God." Delegates were present from every state and sessions were crowded. Special features included a Junior Rally and Demonstration and an Intermediate Rally. This first vacation-time convention was an outstanding success.



)VE—More than 10,000 attended the Sunday afternoon Open Air Rally at Elder Park during tralia's recent convention.
—Endeavorers enjoy the Welcome Tea on the opening day of the national convention.

ously at 12 above, I flew to Sydney a temperature of 102 in the shade th no shade available!). But I must e carried some of New York's refrigera- with me, for immediately thereafter ool wave came to bless the Adelaide nvention and temperatures and skies e simply wonderful. Returning, we de- oped engine trouble and were delayed re than twenty hours.

Honolulu

missed my Christian Endeavor rally Honolulu and that was a great grief me. But I did not miss ever faithful ll" Donlin and Walter Nomura. Quite cannily I thought, they ferreted out the ormation and learned the hour of my ated arrival so that we did have a ightful visit together at the airport with ch at the expense of Pan America. nehow I must find a way to meet with se loyal Hawaiian Christian Endeavorers a schedule that does not leave them l me at the mercy of the uncertain cific air waves.

Queen Salote

It was my good fortune while in New land to have an hour with that re- rkable ruler of a noble island people, een Salote of Tonga ("the Friendly Islands," as first named by Captain Cook). The Queen who has been spending her holiday in Tonga's Government House in Auckland, cabled me greetings from the Tonga Christian Endeavor Union and signed as Christian Endeavor President as well as Queen. Six feet two inches in height, fifty-eight years of age, and having ruled her people for forty years, this woman is noble in all her proportions. She talked about Christian Endeavor with complete knowledge of our movement, principles and history.

The Tonga National Christian Endeavor roll call in May of each year has an attendance of more than 1,000—this out of a total population of 50,000. But nearly all these 50,000 are Christian Endeavorers —Junior, Intermediate, Y.P.S.C.E. and Senior.

Those of you who viewed the televised coronation of Queen Elizabeth will hardly forget the appearance of Tonga's Queen in that most colorful procession. Definitely she "stole the show!"

I shall write this story more fully at another time—the story of a Queen who is a queenly Christian woman in a dynasty that goes back in history more than 1,700 years.

choir of over 200 young people is pictured at the opening session of Australia's recent conven- n in Adelaide.

FOR ALL WRITERS!

Radio and Television Scriptwriting Contest in connection with Christian Endeavor Week 1959

This contest offers a real opportunity for writers to prepare materials for use on radio and television during the 1959 Christian Endeavor Week observance. Read the rules carefully and write for additional information.

All scripts must be based on the 1959 Christian Endeavor Week theme, "In the Household of God," using as the key verse Ephesians 2:19. This theme will assist youth to discover and accept the challenge of life in the household of God by considering the nature and function of the Church and what it means to live in the household of God.

It is based on the general area of churchmanship, the response to Christ within the community of Christians, including the congregation, the denomination, the interdenominational fellowship, and the worldwide Church. Churchmanship involves the integration of Christians into the worship, fellowship, study, and service life of the Church.

The contest deadline is April 1 so haste is essential. Writers may enter as many scripts as they wish.

RULES

1. Contest begins JANUARY 1 and ends APRIL 1, 1958.

2. All scripts must be original.

3. Manuscripts should be mailed to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio, and postmarked no later than April 1, 1958.

4. All scripts submitted will become the property of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

5. Writers may submit as many scripts as they choose.

6. Scripts must be based on the 1959 Christian Endeavor Week theme, "In the Household of God."

7. Scripts should be prepared on the basis of a 15 minute program and will be judged in two categories:

   a. Radio Scripts
   b. Television Scripts

8. A prize of $10 will be awarded to the first place winner in each of the two categories of the contest. In addition, the winning scripts will be published as part of the 1959 Christian Endeavor Week Packet. The International Society of Christian Endeavor reserves the right to withdraw any and all awards if no suitable entries are received.

9. All manuscripts must be typewritten, double-spaced, on white 8½x11 inch paper, using wide margins. Scripts should be approximately eight pages in length (or about 2,000 words) and should be written in approved style for radio or television, with all necessary instructions.

10. Scripts will be judged on the following bases: originality, clarity of thought, effectiveness in expressing Christian Endeavor principles and the basic concept of the 1959 Christian Endeavor Week theme, suitability for use, general content, and neatness of copy.

11. For additional details and samples of scripts used in previous years, contact Miss Phyllis I. Rike, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Cecil Jeffery Named Extension Secretary

Cecil A. Jeffery of Los Angeles, California, has been elected to the new position of Extension Secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, according to announcement made by Harold E. Westerhoff, executive secretary.

It is most significant that this announcement came on Christian Endeavor Day, February 2, for it represents an expanded ministry for the movement.

Mr. Jeffery will also serve as General Secretary of the Ohio Christian Endeavor Union, dividing his time between the two organizations. He will assume his new duties on March 1.

He has served as vice-president in charge of the Pacific Region since July, 1955, and has been a member of the Executive, Finance, and Nominating Committees of the International Society. He will join the staff at Christian Endeavor headquarters in Columbus, Ohio.

As Extension Secretary of the International Society Mr. Jeffery will travel across the United States, Canada, and Mexico, making contact with the more than one million members of Christian Endeavor societies in Protestant churches.

Cecil A. Jeffery

He will develop a program of leadership training and give special attention to establishing youth work in churches which now have no organized program for young people. He will also endeavor to strengthen or establish Christian Endeavor unions in states and provinces, counties, and local areas.

Mr. Jeffery's Christian Endeavor career began when he was a member of a Junior society in England. Since coming to the United States in 1919 he has been active in the movement in California, serving as president of both the Los Angeles County and the California unions.

"I am an incurable Christian Endeavorer," says Mr. Jeffery. "Most of my life I've been one. I was the president of a Junior society at the age of ten. One of the valued keepsakes of my lifetime is an Intermediate pledge card which I signed. I still use the New Testament (it's a little battered and worn) that I won in a high school society contest. I became a union officer in 1927, which means that for more than 30 years I have been learning to lead through Christian Endeavor."

A popular speaker, song leader, toastmaster, and conference leader, Mr. Jeffery is much in demand not only in California but throughout the United States and Canada. He and his wife, Mary, have just completed an eight weeks trip, traveling 12,000 miles and meeting with Endeavorers in Texas, Connecticut, New Jersey, Ontario, Michigan, Maine, New York, Ohio, Minnesota, Oregon, and Washington.

In 1956 Mr. Jeffery participated in the golden anniversary convention of the Mexican Union, as a representative of the International Society. At the recent International Convention in Portland he was the song leader.

After 35 years in the petroleum industry, Mr. Jeffery is now entering full-time Christian work. Starting as a messenger boy, he became an executive in leasing and legal work.

A member of South Hollywood Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles, he has served as an elder, Sunday school superintendent, chairman of the Christian education committee, and finance chairman.

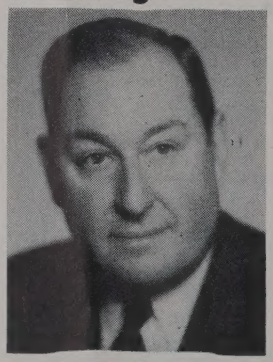
Mrs. Jeffery, too, is active in the movement and was formerly employed as office secretary of the Los Angeles Union. The Jefferys have sponsored Christian Endeavor groups for over 25 years, particularly for college age youth. Their home is well known as a meeting place for Endeavorers.

Their two daughters are both in full-time Christian service as wives of ministers. Mary Jane with her husband, Rev. Wesley Brown, and their three sons, is s to leave for Belgium, in preparation mission service in the Belgian Congo der the American Baptist Foreign Miss Society. Their younger daughter, Geraldi is now living in Orenco, Oregon, wh her husband, Rev. Thomas Parker, is se ing the Presbyterian Church.

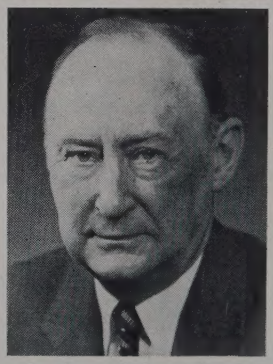
The Jefferys will make their home Columbus, Ohio.

With the painting of Dr. Francis E. Clark, founder of Christian Endeavor, in the b ground, these three leaders examine a facsi of the original Christian Endeavor constitu signed by the members of the first society February 2, 1881. Dr. Earle W. Gates (left president of the International Society and Clarence A. Kopp, Jr., leads the Ohio Un Cecil A. Jeffery, newly-elected extension se tary of the International Society and gen secretary of the Ohio Union, is holding constitution.

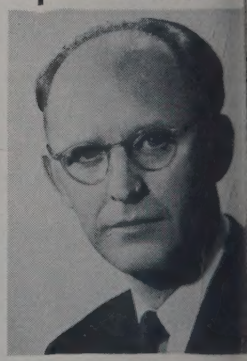
Judges Selected for Citizenship Contest



A. Richard Diebold



Dr. James DeForest Murch



Dr. Roy T. Combs

The board of judges to determine the top winners in Christian Endeavor Citizenship Contest has been selected. Members are A. Richard Diebold, D James DeForest Murch, and Dr. Roy T. Combs. Mr. Diebold, a Christian bus ness man of New York City, is the son of Albert H. Diebold who is the dono of the contest awards. Dr. Murch, whose home is in Cincinnati, Ohio, is edito of UNITED EVANGELICAL ACTION, published by the National Association o Evangelicals. He is a former president of the Ohio Christian Endeavor Unio Living in Indianapolis, Dr. Combs is Auditor of the State of Indiana. His lon list of Christian activities includes serving as public relations director for th Indiana Council of Churches and membership on the board of directors o International Youth for Christ and the board of managers of the Unite Christian Missionary Society and United Churchmen. State and provincia winners in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Contest will be selected by Marc 14, with regional winners named by March 25. Final winners in the Interna tional competition will be announced by April 25.

Endeavorers Look to Frankfurt

Around the world Christian Endeavorers are looking ward to the 13th World's Christian Endeavor Conven- which will be held in Frankfurt, Germany, July 23-27.

The Program Committee, headed by Rev. Arno Pagel, sident of the German Christian Endeavor Union, has n hard at work since last summer. Leading Christian deavorer personalities and outstanding Christian leaders l be among the speakers.

At the opening session on Wednesday evening Dr. Earle Gates, president of the International Society, will share platform with Rev. Arno Pagel, thus emphasizing the rldwide character of Christian Endeavor at the very first nvention meeting.

Dr. Clyde W. Meadows of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, e-president of the International Society, will be speaking the praise service on urday evening.

The President of the orld's Union, Dr. Dan- A. Poling of New York ty, will also make a ma- address.

"Christ, the Light of e World" has been ected as the conven- n theme.

Sessions will be held the great Trades' Fes- al Hall, which seats er 12,000. The build- g also includes lounges, aller meeting rooms, feteria and restaurant, d many other excellent cilities for the conven- nce of delegates.

Local arrangements are ing made by a conven- on committee under the adership of Robert edt.

More than 12,000 En- eavorers are expected to tend. Tour parties are ready being arranged in Vales, Scotland, Holland, ngland, and Ireland, as ell as by the Interna- onal Society.

Thousands of German En- eavorers will be present, or it is commonplace for erman Convention audi- nces to number more an eight thousand. hey will also be pro- iding massed choirs and rchestras. When it is ealized how much German composers have contributed to the wealth of church music, it can be seen that Frankfurt holds a great musical treat in store.

The convention program will be printed in both German and English and these languages will be used in all sessions. A special convention badge is being designed.

The registration fee is $5.00. Those who register but are unable to attend may receive a badge and a copy of the program if they desire.

Harold E. Westerhoff, executive secretary of the International Society, is organizing an International Fellowship Tour to Europe. Already a number of Endeavorers have signed up to be in the tour party, which will include Dr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Poling, Dr. Earle W. Gates, and other International Society leaders. The wonderful fellowship of Christian Endeavor tours is always an outstanding attraction.

The group will take off from New York's International Airport on July 12 for thirty thrill-packed days. This trip-of-trips includes travel in eight countries.

Imagine the thrills of seeing London, Brussels, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Cologne, Lucerne, Venice, Milan, Florence, Rome, Monte Carlo, Nice and Paris! In addition, tour party members will have the even greater experience of attending the World's Convention and getting to know delegates from many countries. The group will return to New York City on August 12 by plane.

Already half of the space allotment for this personally-conducted, all expense tour is taken. A deposit of $200 now will hold a place on this tour. The total cost is $1350. Enjoy sight-seeing and fellowship with no worry about travel details.

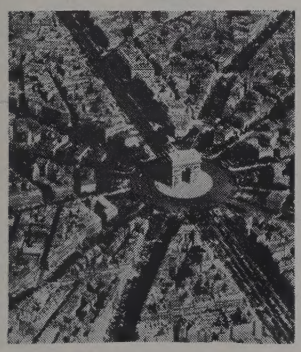
For more information and a detailed itinerary, write to Mr. Westerhoff, the tour manager, at Christian Endeavor headquarters, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Join Christian Endeavor's International Fellowship Tour

July 12—August 11, 1958

Big Ben, London

The Forum, Rome



Arc de Triomphe, Paris

Afternoon Tea, Switzerland

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Minnesota Endeavorers Sponsor Mid-Winter Workshop

Harry Oldenburger (right), Minnesota Union vice-president, welcomes Rev. Melvin Steinbron and his young people to the Workshop held in Minneapolis January 17-18. A total of 38 came in their church bus from Duluth. Delegates representing 32 churches came from 7 districts in the state, some traveling as much as 230 miles. Total attendance at the Workshop was 270. Each delegate attended three classes covering Christian Endeavor committee work in the local society.

Banquet decorations are examined by Ernest Hone (left), Minne president, and the two young people who were selected last Jun "Mr. and Miss Christian Endeavor" of Minnesota. Cecil A. Jeffery ond from right) led conferences and was the main speaker. "This one of the finest events of its kind I ever attended and was very organized," says Mr. Jeffery. Many decisions were registered.

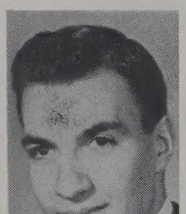
Introducing . . .
Tim Kribs, Associate President

Christian Endeavor's "cover boy" is a good description of International's associate president, for Tim Kribs' picture on the 1958 Membership folder is familiar all across the country.

The year 1957 was a big one for Tim. Within a few short weeks he graduated from Northwest Christian College, was ordained to the Christian ministry, and was married. Then came the International Convention in Portland and his election as associate president.

This handsome 22-year-old, whose full name is Timothy J. Kribs, was born in Elgin, Oregon. He has lived in that state most of his life, except for a short time spent in Indiana while his father, also a minister, was studying at Butler University.

Currently Tim is pastor of the Vaughn Christian Church, drives a school bus, and is taking post graduate work at the University of Oregon. He and his wife, Lavonne, are living in Eugene where she is a senior at Northwest Christian College and will soon receive the degree of B.R.E.



Timothy J. Kribs

When asked about hobbies Tim told of playing the tuba and the sousaphone in high school. But it took contact with his pretty young wife to really learn about him.

She tells of his interest in 4-H Club work in junior high. One year he won first place in the county fair by making (you'd never guess) flower corsages! Raising rabbits and developing photos have also been hobbies, but now his most active one is being an amateur mechanic on the family car.

Tim's work background has been quite varied. During grade school he was paper boy for three different papers all at once. In high school he helped in a florist's shop and was a delivery boy for a dry cleaner. While studying in college he worked as a janitor for three years, plus serving as youth director and assistant pastor at Vaughn Church on week ends.

In addition to all this he has found time to be an active Endeavorer, holding many offices, including that of president of the Oregon Union.

Young Mrs. Kribs says she has alw been impressed by her husband's tren dous neatness and his vast amount ambition. "He is a wonderful husban extremely thoughtful and very helpf Lavonne says.

In addition to all this, he's smart— a very high grade point average thro college.

Tim fs the son of Rev. and Mrs. Al Kribs, long active in Christian Endea and has one brother, Albert, who is in Army.

His bride of less than a year sums it up when she says, "His whole life is voted to the proclaiming and teaching Christ. He is a very good minister loves it!"

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Know ALL the Bible

III. The Kingdom of God

THY Kingdom come," we pray, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." And we close the familiar prayer of the nineteen Christian centuries with "For Thine is the Kingdom . . ."

A remarkable prayer indeed, one about which many stout books have been written, and yet we continually learn Christian truths from it. The Lord's Prayer is our frequent reminder of the Eternal Father, to whom we may come as children—loving, trusting, confident of His care. And in its emphasis on the Kingdom of God there is implied a concept that we are *co-workers* with Him as well. For in our use of the Lord's Prayer as pattern or structure of our devotions, private and public, we commit ourselves to a concern about bringing God's Kingdom on earth. This is plainly God's purpose too. If we feel so strongly about His purpose, *we shall become His co-workers*—and such we Christians in the Church truly should be and are!

WHAT has God done that man is capable of observing to bring the Kingdom of Heaven to earth? (1) He created man and man's world, and except for man's willfulness and sins it would have been truly God's world—where His will is done. (2) God made many a Covenant with mankind, as we saw earlier in this series; such a partnership was obviously unequal, in that man could give so little compared to what God gives him. (3) God inspired prophets and teachers to show man the fruits of obedience and the penalties of selfishness and sin—and that is the burden of much of the Old Testament. (4) God sacrified, in His Son, our Saviour, so that our sins are forgiven and we are redeemed; if we will trust God enough to accept His way for the lives He gave us, we are assured everlasting life.

Jesus Christ comes to man (Matthew 5:23) "preaching the gospel of the kingdom." He tells His followers (Luke 12:31), "Seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you." The "things" include our needs in human life, typified by the passage, "Give us this day our daily bread," in the Lord's Prayer. (When we so pray are we reminding God of our material needs? Not so much that, as reminding ourselves of the nature of our Covenant with Him in Christ, and assuring the Father of our faith in the Covenant.)

Near the close of His ministry the Saviour says, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matthew 25:34).

And what is this Kingdom? It might be called that place or situation *in which God's will is done.* It is "at hand," Jesus says; "repent ye and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:15). Recruiting His first followers, Jesus sends them out to preach that and to perform such works of mercy, healing, and love as display God working through men. When we pray "Thy Kingdom come," *we are inviting God to use us* as these first evangelists were used to bring God and His ways closer to men. For the Kingdom comes when men work with God to bring it to this world of ours. It is "at hand," but we must link more men with the Father to bring *the doing of the will of God* more fully into all the areas of human life.

THIS New Covenant—man's partnership with His Father, to acknowledge God as Ruler of all life—was long cherished as a hope of the faithful. In Daniel 7:13,14, notice that there will come a Kingdom of "all people, nations, and languages." But the divine power, approaching a remnant of the great Jewish people with whom earlier covenants were made, will not come in conquest and glory. Isaiah 53:2-12 describes the One who will come to establish a kingdom or commonwealth of the faithful; so descriptive are the verses of Isaiah 61:1,2, that we find Jesus quoting them (in Luke 4) to make clear His mission.

Jesus found no throne on earth, but a cross. The Kingdom's throne is not on earth. The Kingdom has not won the world, even with all God's power behind it, because it is by man working with God that His Kingdom is established here. Dr. Samuel M. Shoemaker in a book of a dozen years ago, *How You Can Help Other People* (Dutton) insists that the Church is not the Kingdom *but* "where the Church is faithful, where it is forgiven and empowered by the Spirit of God, there you have a corner, an outpost, an instance of the Kingdom." The obstacle is not in the nature of the Church—which transmits the Word of God, observes holy sacraments or ordinances, exalts God in Christ and His love and redemption—but in us humans who don't see the Church as "the arm of God," "the body of Christ," and deal with and through it as if it were one more organization of the community instead of a potential outpost of Heaven.

So we must pray for the churches as well as for ourselves, that together those of us who love God and want to obey Him will actively promote His Kingdom on earth. We shall evangelize, teach, support missions, witness for the Saviour in daily living, serve a variety of human needs in His Name and in His Spirit. As we enlist *ourselves in the Kingdom,* the Bible, the Lord's Prayer, and Christ Himself will all mean much more to us.

"It's easy to make copies now," says Eleanor Jones of Christian Endeavor Headquarters as she operates the new Verifax machine. This equipment is the generous gift of Mrs. Norman Klauder of Philadelphia. Its use speeds many jobs at Headquarters. Many thanks, Mrs. Klauder!

Photo by Paul Hurley

A feature of Christian Endeavor Day was the reorganization of the society at Tressler Memorial Lutheran Church, Loysville, Pennsylvania. Those who participated in the service were (left to right) Carrie Belle Hench, Mrs. Carl Sheaffer, Darlene Garlin, George Garlin, Mary Ickes, Dorothy Wilson, Louise Boyer, Lucinda Ickes, and Edrie Wilson. Paul Hurley led the service and Carl Shaeffer is adult counsellor.

JUNIOR CE MEETINGS
The Quarterly for Juniors

Topics for APRIL

Apr. 6. He Lives. Matthew 28:1-10.

Apr. 13. A Boy Called by God. I Samuel 3:1-10.

Apr. 20. A Girl's Witness. II Kings 5:1-4.

Apr. 27. A Boy's Lunch. John 6:5-13.

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I Know the Living Christ

John 4:39-42; II Corinthians 13:1-4
(Easter)

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *APRIL*

*Comments by Vernon Hoffman**

Briefing the Leader

For millions of people in all parts of the world this is a day of supreme significance, for Easter is a day when countless multitudes of Christians rejoice. And for what reason do they rejoice? Their joy is centered in the empty tomb and this victory of Christ over sin and death which has the place of central importance in the Christian faith.

In today's topic you as leader have the wonderful opportunity of telling the "good news" of our risen Lord. This meeting should be the time for many members of your society to learn more fully the true meaning of Easter.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship: Psalm 34:1-3
Hymn: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*
Scripture: John 4:39-42; II Corinthians 13:1-4
Hymn: *He Lives*
Prayer Time
Offering and Announcements
Special Music
Leader's Presentation
Discussion of Topic
Hymn: *Jesus Shall Reign*
Benediction

The Blessings of Easter

Easter is a day of joy and gladness. This is only natural, for Easter ever reminds us of how we may rejoice when we recall what God has done for us. In the Easter story we find one of the essential facts of the Gospel, for the message of Easter is that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead in fulfillment of the promise given by God.

All of history centers in the death and resurrection of Christ, for here God was redeeming a people to Himself. The Old Testament looks forward to the coming Messiah, the One promised by God to save His people. Not only was His crucifixion prophesied, but certainty of His resurrection was also given to the children of God.

This was the great truth Job realized when long, long before the time of Christ he cried out, "I know that my Redeemer liveth" (Job 19:25).

Peter recognized that David knew this, and when he was preaching on the Day of Pentecost to those men responsible for the death of Christ, he spoke of David and said: "Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; He, seeing this before, spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption" (Acts 2:31,32).

If the faithful in the Old Testament could look forward with eager anticipation to the coming of the Messiah, those Christians in the early church were full of radiant joy because they knew that Jesus lived.

That Christ Jesus lives was an essential part of the Gospel story which the Christians proclaimed. They would not omit this part of their story even if it meant imprisonment or death.

Notice the boldness of Peter and the other apostles when they are brought before the Sanhedrin which had warned them not to tell this story. Their reply was, "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree" (Acts 5:30). So it can easily be seen that the resurrection was an important part of the Gospel story.

The historic Christian faith has always believed in the fact of the physical resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We do not worship at the tomb of a dead Jesus, but we have fellowship with the living Christ.

Significance for Christians

Many times we do not realize the great significance of this historic event. For us to appreciate and understand its meaning, we must have knowledge of two facts.

The first of these is the fact of man's sin and sin's terrific power. This sin ultimately has its end in suffering and death. No strength of man is able to break this power of sin.

Secondly, we must begin to feel the greatness of God's love for us. His love is love which knows no limits. It is not selfish love, but a self-sacrificing and mighty love.

These two facts, man's sin and God's love, are combined in the Easter story, for here we see that the power of God's love was strong enough to conquer the power of sin. Death was defeated and the empty tomb reminds us that Christ is the victor and His kingdom is forever.

As Christ lives, so also we may live. He is the giver of life to all who trust in Him. This life of a new quality is ours as soon as we are willing to repent of our sins and place our trust in Him, for this is how the Christian comes to know Christ. The joy of the Easter story can only be possessed adequately by those who have entrusted their lives to our crucified and risen Saviour.

Far-Reaching Results

The results of the resurrection of Christ Jesus are significant and far-reaching for the children of God. The wondrous message of the Gospel is all of no effect if there was no resurrection.

The Apostle Paul told the church at Corinth: "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ; whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not" (I Corinthians 15:14,15).

The grand news which today is again proclaimed, however, is that Christ does live! Because He lives it is not useless for us to proclaim the Gospel story, nor is the faith which we possess vain. If Christ were not alive we would be false witnesses of God, but Christ is alive and we tell other the very message which God Himself has given us. All this is ours because He lives and because He does live, we too shall live.

Someone may ask if it is true that Christ does live. The young person who knows his Lord does not have to resort to arguments to prove that Christ lives, however, for all arguments are hushed by the voice of experience. And because we have felt the reality of the living Christ's presence in our own lives, we may say with assurance, "You ask me how I know He lives. He lives within my heart."

AIMS

To consider the vast meaning of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

To see what it means to know this living Christ.

To realize some of the results of the resurrection for the children of God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What value does the resurrection have for us?

How is it possible for Christ to live in us?

What is the greatest proof of the resurrection?

How can we best share the joy of Easter with others?

What has Jesus told us about eternal life?

From God's Word

M., Mar. 31. A Tomb Made Empty. Matthew 28:1-8.
T., Apr. 1. Christ in the Midst. Luke 24:36-48.
W., Apr. 2. Paul's Reassurance. I Corinthians 15:20,21.
T., Apr. 3. Jesus at the Seashore. John 21:4-7.
F., Apr. 4. The Declaration of Peter. Acts 4:8-12.
S., Apr. 5. Hid with Christ. Colossians 3:1-4.
Sun., Apr. 6. Topic—I Know the Living Christ. John 4:39-42; II Corinthians 13:1-4. (Easter)

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The End of the Christmas Story

John 3:16; Philippians 2:6-11
(Easter)

ermediate (12-14 Years) *APRIL 6*

*Comments by Mrs. Mac Senter**

›moting the Meeting

'his is the time to emphasize that Christ- ; did not end with the birth of the ›y Jesus, but was only the beginning a chain of events which continued until resurrection.

Your Poster

n a big question mark, place these rds: *Have you heard* (large letters) *the l of the Christmas Story?* (small letters) *ar about it at Christian Endeavor to- ht* (large letters).

ggested Program Outline

›-Prayer Service (Use John 17:1-5 and directed prayers, thanking God for the resurrection morning and for the first Christmas, and praying for unsaved loved ones and friends.)
›lude: *He Lives*
ll to Worship:
God Gave His Son
God gave His Son that we might know
His Father heart had loved us so;
And from the heavenly home on high
Our blessed Lord came forth to die.

God gave His Son—O, holy thought
That He our foolish love had sought;
Dear Father, take this heart of mine,
And make it holy, deeply thine.
ng Time—(10 minutes) (Include such hymns as *Crown Him with Many Crowns; Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee; Immortal Love, Forever Full; In the Cross of Christ I Glory; Love Divine)*
›rayer
ffering and Announcements
ymn: *He Lives*
eader's Introduction: The real beginning of the Christmas story is found in Genesis 3:15. The end of the story does not come with the birth of the baby Jesus, but rather with His resurrection. Christmas and Easter cannot exist without each other, for the purpose of Christ's coming into the world was to bring salvation to all men.
alks (by three young people)
A Living Example
A Dying Saviour
The Living Lord
›onsecration Service and Roll Call
›ymn: *Christ Arose*
›izpah Benediction

A Living Example

Christ was born of an earthly mother and heavenly Father. He grew to manhood n ordinary circumstances. In one major espect, however, his life differs from that f every other man, for it did not begin vhen He was born (John 1:1,2,14).

It was the love in His own heart that vas revealed in His person and work. He oved His Heavenly Father and desired to lo His will (Mark 14:36).

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AIMS OF THE TOPIC

1. To discover why Christ came.
2. To see that Christ finished the work He came to do.
3. To comprehend God's marvelous love.

QUESTIONS

1. How was Christ our example?
2. How could Christ's death be His glory?
3. Where is Christ today?
4. What three facts can you give about Christ?

Christ came on a mission for God the Father, to seek and to save that which was lost (Luke 19:10). He was born in humble surroundings, with a manger for His crib (Luke 2:7-12), lived a humble life (Mark 6:3), died a death of shame (Philippians 2:8); was buried in a borrowed tomb (Matthew 27:59,60), and then was raised a victor over death, hell, and the grave (I Corinthians 15:54,55; Revelation 1:8).

He was the Son of God, yet men asked, "Is this not the carpenter's son?" There was a time when Jesus was not the Nazarene, the carpenter's son, but was higher than the angels (Hebrews 1:6).

He lived a life of service. During His short earthly ministry Jesus healed the sick, opened deaf ears, restored sight to the blind, straightened withered arms, cast out demons, raised the dead, brake up funeral processions, stilled the mighty raging sea, and fed thousands with a little boy's lunch.

Christ was a living example in His relationship with others socially. He prayed with others and for others. Even on the cross He prayed, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

Yes, His life was one of humility and service, a life bathed in constant prayer.

A Dying Saviour

Going to the cross was nothing new for Christ. He and His Father had discussed it, and He knew that was why He came to earth (John 12:27).

Christ came that He might give Himself a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). Christ was the lamb slain from the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8).

Under the Mosaic law a lamb was offered for sacrifices for the guilt of the people and in every case the sacrificial lamb must be without blemish. Christ was sacrificed for guilt not His own (John 1:29); He resembled a lamb in His spotless purity (I Peter 1:19).

Man, God's creation, had been kidnapped and a ransom was demanded. God loved lost mankind with a love so great that He sent Christ, His only Son, to die that we might live (I John 4:9).

Let us look at the cross of Christ where we see God's grace (Ephesians 2:8) blending God's love (John 3:16) and God's mercy (Ephesians 2:4) together. The result was that each trembling sinner could come and find salvation.

Christ's friends wanted a throne of power for Him. Was He to accept it? No, again and again He refers to the hour of His death as not a crown but a cross. The cross of Jesus is a mighty magnet. As a magnet draws metal unto itself, so Jesus says, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32).

Jesus came to earth to teach and heal, but above all He came to die. While his friends hoped to see Him crowned as their earthly king, He wanted them to know Him as their Saviour.

Death on the cross was a death of shame, yet Christ prayed that He might be glorified, that He might glorify His Father (John 17:1). This very death brought life to the whole world and glory to His Father.

The Living Lord

Christ came with love to save sinners. He died loving sinners, and arose a victor over the grave with love and compassion for each sinner (John 13:1).

Our life should not be lived that we might become great, or that we might accomplish our own desires, but rather that we might do the will of God.

The will of God for our lives is, first, that we accept Christ as our personal Saviour (II Peter 3:9b). Christ wants to be the Lord and Master of our lives, as well as the risen Saviour of our souls (John 1:12).

Today at the right hand of the Father Christ is:

a. *Exercising universal authority.* Jesus not only has all power in heaven but also all power is His in the earth. (Matthew 28:18; Colossians 1:16, 17)

b. *Acting as head over all things to the* Church. If you are a Christian do not vote Christ out of His rightful rule in the government of your heart. (Ephesians 1:22, 23)

c. *Bestowing spiritual gifts upon the believers.* Some churches or places need one gift, some another. Christ knows what we each have need of. Nothing is left to mere human judgment or self-choosing. (Ephesians 4:7,11)

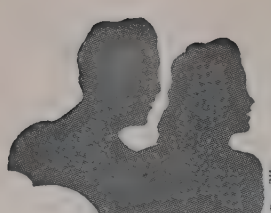
d. *Interceding for Christians.* Christ is seated in heaven as our High Priest in order to plead with God on our behalf. He is in heaven as our advocate. (Hebrews 14:15, 16; 7:25; I John 2:1)

e. *Preparing a place for Christians.* When our mansion is ready He will come for us. (John 14:2, 3)

f. *Anxiously waiting to return to earth.* Christians, born-again believers, should be watching for His coming again. Are you looking for Him? (Hebrews 9:28)

Bible Passages

M., Mar. 31. Why Christ Came. I Timothy 1:14,15.
T., Apr., 1. Christ Came As a Ransom. Matthew 20:25-28.
W., Apr. 2. Saving the Lost. Luke 19:8-10.
T., Apr. 3. Condemnation and Salvation. John 3:7-21.
F., Apr. 4. The Finished Work. John 17:1-5.
E., Apr. 5. Redemption in God's Time. Galatians 4:4,5.
Sun., Apr. 6. Topic—The End of the Christmas Story. John 3:16; Philippians 2:6-11. (Easter)



The Halo of Humbleness

No. 1 in a Series: "Developing Christian Qualities"

Philippians 2:1-11

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *APRIL*

*Comments by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart**

Considerations for the Leader

After Easter, what? This is always an important question. During the Easter season we have been lifted high in our spiritual experience. We have walked with the Saviour in a glorious fellowship.

There is no greater thrill than to dwell in these tabernacles of spiritual delight, but we dare not forget the valley. We have come up from the valley where we are to give ourselves in special service for Christ and His Church. We must now go back and work in the valley.

Don't hurry this meeting. Here is a topic that needs a lot of discussion. It may look easy on the surface, but when you get under the surface you find much to think about.

As the leader, you are to direct the discussion. Do not let it go adrift. Seek for group participation. Assign several members to give their ideas on the subject of humbleness. Check the word "humble" or "humility" in a good concordance and see its relationship to other portions of Scripture. (Your pastor will have a concordance.)

Publicity

Assign members of your society to make phone calls to the various members of your group and to others within the church who are potential members. It would be wise to submit names to these callers along with phone numbers.

Make a poster, spelling the word "humIlIty" with large capital "I's." Draw a picture of a saint with a halo about his head and place this question under the picture, "How can you tell he is humble?" State the time and place of the meeting.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Piano Prelude
Hymn: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*
Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11
Prayer Hymn: *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*
Purposeful Prayers
Offering and Announcements
Special Music
Leader's Talk
Speakers 1, 2 and 3
The Aim and Life Problem
Discussion and Questions
Hymn: *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*
Fellowship Circle and Benediction

Preparation for the Leader

If you study the Scriptures you will catch the point of Paul's exhortation. The apostle was telling the Philippians to imitate the humility of the Saviour. He said we should have the mind of Christ. We know Christ emptied Himself of His heavenly glory, and having humbled Himself as a common man He humbled Himself yet more, becoming obedient to the death reserved for only the lowest malefactors.

Jesus could never be less than divine. The glory of His boyhood was seen in the temple. The glory of His manhood was seen on the Mount of Transfiguration. He gave but a look in the garden out of His divinity and the soldiers fell back. At the lowest point of His humiliation the ascent begins in the worship of the penitent thief, in the words of the soldier, in the reverence shown to His body; and in His resurrection and triumphant ascension.

We read, "God hath highly exalted Him." That is a pledge that those who have been with Christ in His humiliation shall be together with Him in His glory.

"Let this mind be in you," the mind of Christ which was unselfish and most loving. Sometimes we find ourselves too elevated to mingle with others. But Christ, who was infinitely elevated, stooped to servitude and death. If we have His mind we do not do anything through strife and vain glory. The highest proves itself the highest by serving the lowly.

If love be the summit of all virtue, humility is the foundation. He humbled Himself, because He loved us; we must be humble, in order to love Him, for to such only will He impart His knowledge.

In Mark 9:33-37 we have an object lesson on the subject of humility. Hear the disciples ask, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

Jesus answered by using a little child as His object lesson. Jesus plainly told them that they must turn from their sins of personal ambition or they could not be His disciples. He pointed them to the little child as the model. The child had a humble spirit in contrast to the self-seeking, self-exalting ambition of some of His disciples.

Our Lord taught that greatness does not consist in an exalted place but humble spirit and faith in God. People so constituted that they repel the p and rally to those who are humble. should strive to be humble before and among men.

St. Augustine said, "Do you wish t great? Then begin by being little. Do desire to construct a vast and lofty fa Think first about the foundations of hu ity." The higher your structure is t the deeper must be its foundations.

Here are some contributing fac which make for humility:
1. A proper attitude toward God.
2. A proper attitude toward Jesus Ch
3. A proper regard for those about u

We must keep in mind the example Christ regarding humility. Real hum brings divine exaltation; self-exalta robs one of divine exaltation.

True humility is not an abject, gro ing, self-despising spirit; it is but a r estimate of ourselves as God sees Humbleness is always grace. The lor we live the more we discover it alw includes dignity. Ruskin said, "The step of a really great man is his humili

Do you want a religion effective stimulating you to good living? Keep J in sight. Are you bewildered in your and afraid of the uncharted path of l Keep Jesus in sight. Are you confused the roar of human opinions and by bafflements of life's unsolved myster Keep Jesus in sight. You will never go wrong; nay more, you will inevitably to your best if you will but keep Him sight, and allow yourself to be jud moment by moment by the moral spiritual sunlight that streams from holy eyes.

First Speaker

"The first lesson of a Christian is hu ity; and he that hath not learned the lesson is not fit to take out a new one. Adams.

Second Speaker

As a tree, the more deeply it is roo in the earth, the taller it grows; even a man, the more humble he is, the hig doth the Lord exalt him.

Third Speaker

A Christian minister said, "I was ne of any use until I found out that God not make me for a great man."

Our Aim

Strongly endeavor to forget the "ha and display the mind of Jesus Chr Humble yourself before God and let H take care of the "halo."

A Life Problem

Norma has a proud spirit. She has that the world could confer upon her far as money is concerned. Her attitu has driven many of her friends from h She is losing her popularity just at time when she needs it most. What she do to establish herself anew in minds of some? How can this be done?

PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION

1. Why is humility an essential virtue?
2. What are some of the contributing factors which make for humility?
3. When one is humble does this indicate he has abandoned all dignity?
4. When one is too weak to rise up in protest when evil appears to triumph over good, does this indicate humility?
5. How does one go about humbling himself?
6. Is it possible to become proud over your humility?

From the Book of Books

M., Apr. 7. The Greatness of Humbleness. Matthew 18:3,4.
T., Apr. 8. Pride Versus Humbleness. Provrebs 29:23,26.
W., Apr. 9. Humbleness Enables Advancement. Luke 14:8-11.
T., Apr. 10. Humbleness Demanded. I Peter 5:2-6.
F., Apr. 11. Christ, Our Example. John 13:4-16
S., Apr. 12. Humbleness with Christ. Matthew 11:28-30.
Sun., Apr. 13. Topic—The Halo of Humbleness. Philippians 2:1-11.

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Peter—and My Courage

No. 1 in a Series: "Learning from Apostles"

John 18:17,25-27; Acts 5:26-32

ermediate (12-14 Years) *APRIL 13*

*Comments by Dr. Raymond M. Veh**

ake This a News Report

This meeting may be presented as a ws report giving six days out of the life Peter. Each report should cover one at event of his life. Several members of group may be "news reporters," telling efly the story of each event. In order relate each event of his life to Christian ing today, the leader could conduct brief discussion following each reporter's k. A theme chorus such as *Lord, Lay me Soul upon My Heart* could be used the hour.

r Your Poster

With the rainy season here in April you ay be able to find a picture showing a rson huddled under an umbrella, or an tist in your group may sketch this scene. ace drawing in center of cardboard. On e side print "We don't want COWRDS." On the other side print "We ant Christians with COURAGE." At the ottom of the poster print, "Consider eter—and Your Courage at Christian ndeavor tonight—p.m."

eter—The Lovable Human

The New Testament portrait of Peter ould hang in our living room, and we ould feel at home with it. It is the ortrait of a rugged fisherman with a fisherman's eyes and hands and heart, a man ith curious wrinkles around his deep-et eyes and a far-away look in them; a man ith brawny forearms and a fiercely gentle eart and a double-action way which wings from fidelity to fickleness and back gain.

xhibit "A"

Peter is always doing something: throwng in a net; rising up and following; walkng on the water; sinking; crying out; conessing stupendous truth; remonstrating ith Christ; boasting of his fidelity; sleepng; flourishing a sword; denying that e knows Christ; plunging into the darkess; weeping bitterly; running to the omb; healing a lame man at the Temple ate called Beautiful; preaching the saving Gospel to thousands. Peter was pre-eminently the man of action.

Simon Peter was a fisherman, a successful fisherman with calloused hands, coarse speech, and a rough manner. One day he saw the Carpenter of Nazareth demonstrate to him more about fishing in one experience than Peter had learned in a lifetime. So he left his boats and nets in response to this Man's offer to make him a fisher of men. In the next two years Peter learned to know this Jesus well as he listened eagerly to the compelling words that fell from the Master's lips.

Spontaneously he voiced the conviction of his heart: "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

OUR AIM

1. To see how Peter, the coward, becomes Peter, the courageous.
2. To appreciate that as Peter's life was transformed by the coming of the Holy Spirit, so may we too be transformed by His presence.
3. To note that when we accept Christ, we too become fishers of men.

Peter could remember many things about Jesus. Certainly it was both unpleasant and embarrassing for him to hear Jesus say on the last night they were all together that he, Simon Peter, would before dawn actually deny the Lord one, two, three times. Boastfully Peter protested: "Though I should die with Thee, yet will I not deny Thee." So at the arrest of Jesus, when the others fled for fear, bold Peter followed the Saviour's captors to see what would happen. Throwing caution to the wind, forgetting Jesus' warning, Peter evidently considered that he was capable of handling himself in this situation.

Peter—Followed "Afar Off"

Peter boasted his willingness to die for his Lord. He was sincere, too; but he did not understand how much more was to be demanded of him. He who was ready to die was not able to stay awake for an hour with the praying Jesus (Mark 14:37). He would gladly have died for his Master, but he was not even permitted to fight (John 18:10,11). He could resist Satan (Luke 22:31), but when the devil appeared in the disguise of a servant girl, and when his fiery darts were only ridicule, Peter was an easy victim (Luke 22:54-60). He fell into his ancient habit of cursing and denied that he had ever known Jesus. Then he fled.

Up to this point Peter appears about as bad as Judas, for both denied their Lord and left Him to his foes. But Peter was different. His overconfidence was deflated as he heard the cock, whose crowing reminded him of Jesus' prediction (Luke 22.61,62); and at Jesus's look, his heart dissolved in tears. His failure to stand by a beloved friend cut him to the quick.

Peter Proclaims His Love

We know that Peter was an eyewitness to Christ's sufferings, although probably from a distance. So it isn't surprising that, when the tomb was found empty, Peter hurried with John to the sepulcher. John guessed the truth, but Peter was not satisfied and he went to look for Him—alone.

He found Him, we know, but we don't know where. We are told of this only by the passage in the twenty-fourth chapter of Luke, the thirty-fourth verse, which says, "The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon." There are also the words of Paul in First Corinthians—"was seen of Cephas."

When the disciples met that last time on the shores of Galilee, the Master tested his love before the others, that they might be satisfied with his leadership. Peter proclaimed his love, humbly and simply, and affirmed that he would be satisfied if he could but fill some lowly office. The Lord, with the assent of the others, put him in the old foremost place.

Then came Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Peter became the crusading evangelist. He was at last "The Rock"! It was Peter who had the courage to teach that His Gospel was for all men, and not only the Jews. It was he who first realized that Jesus Christ was for everyone.

Peter—The Rock

After the healing of the lame man (Acts 3:1-10) he was imprisoned, but when brought to trial, the man was changed. Facing danger, he might have been expected again to deny his Lord, thus to save his life. Instead, he boldly affirmed his faith and his determination to listen only to God (Acts 4:8-20). "Uneducated and common men," who might have been overawed by the court, were transformed because "they had been with Jesus."

Peter—The Courageous

As the Christian leader Peter was fearless and unwavering. He stood like a rock against the forces beating against him. He charged his judges with being guilty of the death of Jesus and he declared that it was his purpose to obey God. He disregarded the command of the officials and continued to preach.

That heroism is needed now on the part of all Christians. It is not easy to stand for Christ and Christian ideals in a world in which there is so much that is unchristian. We are to be Christ's witnesses wherever we are.

A Quiz

1. How did Peter prove his love for our Lord?
2. What is the great truth about Jesus that Peter constantly proclaimed?
3. What happened when Peter followed Jesus "afar off"?
4. What risks would you take for Christ?
5. What is the greatest thought you have ever cherished?
6. Is it worth a lifetime's effort to follow Jesus? Why?
7. Is popularity with your crowd worth sacrificing standards against drinking? Smoking? Petting?
8. Bob cheats in school to get grades so he can play basketball. Would he want the school paper to carry a story on it?

Messages from the Bible

M., Apr. 7. Fear Removes Fellowship. Matthew 26:57,58.
T., Apr. 8. Fear Produces Denial. John 18:17,25-27.
W., Apr. 9. Fear Brings Remorse. Luke 22:61,62.
T., Apr. 10. Faith Brings Courage. Deuteronomy 31:6,8.
F., Apr. 11. Courage Becomes Action. Acts 4:13-20.
S., Apr. 12. Courageous Action Bears Fruit. Acts 2:37-41.
Sun., Apr. 13. Topic—Peter—and My Courage. John 18:17,25-27; Acts 5:26-32.

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Trifling with the Truth

No. 2 in a Series: "Developing Christian Qualities"

Acts 5:1-11

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *APRIL*

*Comments by Rev. Ellis R. Shaw**

Suggestions to the Leader

The setting for this meeting is a courtroom scene. The leader will act as the judge, wearing a borrowed choir or minister's robe. He should have a gavel. A jury box should be provided by placing a group of chairs together near the front of the meeting room, or, if desired, the entire Christian Endeavor group may serve as the jury. There should be a single chair near the judge's desk to serve as a witness stand.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Period
Song Service: *Living for Jesus; O Jesus, I Have Promised: Just as I Am, Thine Own To Be; I Need Jesus; Follow, I Will Follow Thee*
Announcements and Offering
Scripture: Acts 5:1-11
Prayer
Special Music
Courtroom Scene
The Life Problem
Discussion and Questions
Hymn: *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*
Benediction

Presentation of the Topic

The judge walks in, raps his gavel, calls the court to order, and asks the jury to seat themselves.

The Judge: "We shall now consider the case of Ananias and Sapphira against the church of Jerusalem. Ananias and Sapphira are dead, but their heirs are bringing suit against the church, alleging that the church is responsible directly for their deaths. We will now hear from the counsel for the prosecution."

Counsel for the Prosecution: "Your honor, my clients have a clear-cut case. Ananias and Sapphira, whom they are representing, brought a large sum of money to Peter and the other Apostles of the church. Out of the goodness of their hearts this man and his wife freely gave the money—proceeds from the sale of a fine piece of property—and generously laid it at the feet of the church officials.

"Instead of expressing appreciation for this splendid gift, Peter stood up and rebuked Ananias. Poor Ananias was so mortified and hurt by this unexpected treatment that he suffered a heart attack and died.

"Your honor, and members of the jury, this is not all. Three hours later Sapphira, unaware of what had happened, came in, and Peter immediately gave her a tongue lashing, accusing her and her husband of lying to the Holy Ghost. He further informed her that the men who had just finished burying her husband were waiting at the door to carry her out. So shocked was the poor widow by all of this that she too had a heart attack and died on the spot. Your honor, and members of the jury, I implore you to right this wrong by compelling the church to return to the heirs of Ananias and Sapphira the money which their parents laid at the feet of the Apostles."

The Judge: "We will now hear from the counsel for the defense."

Counsel for the Defense: "Your honor, my clients are the Apostles of the church of our Lord Jesus Christ at Jerusalem. We ask only that you listen to the facts. We are a company of people who have yielded all that we have and are to the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit has filled us with such love for Jesus and for one another that many in our group voluntarily have sold their property and their homes, pledging the total proceeds to the church for distribution to the needy. No one has compelled us to do this; we simply do it out of love for Christ.

"It is true that Ananias gave the Apostles a generous sum of money, but it is not true that this sum represented the total price of the property which Ananias had sold. He left the impression, however, that he was giving the entire proceeds of the sale. Actually he was holding back a large portion of the money for himself. By doing this he was not only lying to the Apostles but to the Holy Ghost Himself.

"Your honor, our God is a holy God, and He will not permit people to trifle with the Holy Spirit. Consequently, when Sapphira appeared before the Apostles after her husband's death, God struck her dead too, for it was evident she had collaborated with her husband in this scheme to cheat Christ's church. Your honor, Ananias and Sapphira did not die from a heart attack as the result of shock. They were struck down by the wrath of Almighty God!"

At this point the judge requests one of the witnesses for the prosecution to take the chair. He is asked to raise his hand and swear to tell the truth and nothing but the truth. Then the counsel for the defense steps forward to cross-examine him.

Counsel: "How long have you known Ananias and Sapphira?"

Witness: "I never knew either one of them."

Counsel: "Were you in the room on the day that Peter rebuked them?"

Witness: "I was not."

Counsel: "What, then, do you know about this case?"

Witness: "When the men carried body of Ananias to the graveyard, I lowed them to the cemetery and ba

Counsel: "Is that all you know ab this case?"

Witness: "Yes, sir."

Counsel: "Are you a Christian?"

Witness: "No, sir."

Counsel: "Your honor, I suspend examination."

One of the witnesses for the defense requested by the judge to take the ch and this witness is none other than Apostle Peter. The judge administers oath, and the counsel for the prosecu proceeds to cross-examine him.

Counsel: "Peter, were you present wh Ananias died?"

Peter: "I was."

Counsel: "Did you not cause the de of this man and his wife by openly acc ing them of lying to the Holy Ghost?"

Peter: "I did rebuke them for lying the Holy Ghost, but I did not cause th deaths."

Counsel: "What right had you to buke fine people when in all good fa they gave generously to the church?"

Peter: "Ananias and Sapphira did give in 'all good faith.' Long before th brought their gift in they solemnly pledg to give the total proceeds from the s of their property to the Lord Jesus Chr This was a sacred promise on their par

Counsel: "Was not their gift sufficien large?"

Peter: "Their gift was very generous, b it was not a fulfillment of their promise Jesus Christ. They committed themsel to give all to Him, and they gave only part, making it appear they had given a By their action they lied to God! It w God Himself who snuffed out their lives."

The Judge (interrupting the examin tion): "Dismiss the witnesses and let t counsels give their charge to the jury."

The counsels each charge the jury, a they should use as much persuasion as th know how. The judge then instructs t foreman of the jury to take a poll of t jurors and announce the verdict. T verdict, of course, should be that Pe and the Apostles were not guilty of t death of Ananias and Sapphira, and th these two had lied indeed to the Ho Ghost.

Life Situation

A man is critically ill with cancer but not aware of it. The doctor informs t family that if this man knew the truth might produce an immediate, fatal sho What should this family do? Gloss o the facts? Simply evade the truth wh pressed for it by the patient? Tell him white lie? What would you do?

Closing Suggestion

Let the sponsor or the leader close w these or similar words: "Jesus Christ the incarnate Truth; in His presence lie ever is justifiable. To speak a lie is b enough, but to live a lie is the worst fo of falsehood."

For Daily Meditation

M., Apr. 14. God's Commandment. Exodus 20:16.
T., Apr. 15. Cast Off Slander and Deceit. Psalm 101:4-8.
W., Apr. 16. God Delighted by Truthfulness. Proverbs 12:17-22.
T., Apr. 17. Dishonest Gains Are Vain. Proverbs 21:1-8.
F., Apr. 18. Reason for Honesty. Ephesians 4:21-25.
S., Apr. 19. Part of a Christian's Armor. Ephesians 6:10-14.
Sun., Apr. 20. Topic—Trifling with the Truth. Acts 5:1-11.

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John—and My Love

No. 2 in a Series: "Learning from Apostles"

Luke 9:51-54; I John 4:7-11

ermediate (12-14 Years) *APRIL 20*

Comments by Dr. Raymond M. Veh

ld a Friendship Meeting

When we think of the Apostle John we ays think of "love" in its highest se. Junior Highs need friendship, so topic would be a good time to have a endship meeting." Urge every member bring a friend. Introduce every newner to everybody else. Usually some itors will have talent, which might be ested in the meeting. In advance, ask ne to come who will give special music, eading, or other features.

r Your Poster

Draw at one side of the cardboard or the blackboard of your Intermediate partment classroom a wishbone. If you draw a hand on each side of the wishne, all the better. At top print: "Know at I'm wishing?" At the side print: "I sh that every member of our Christian deavor would be out tonight to conler *John—and MY Love.*" At bottom in ge letters print: "Please make my wish me true!"

me Facts about John

1. The Apostle John was the son of bedee, a fisherman, and of Salome.
2. It is probable that he was born at thsaida, on the Lake of Galilee.
3. His parents were well-to-do for Zebdee employed hired servants and Salome inistered unto Jesus.
4. We may suppose that from an early ge he nourished religious feelings and he tered into communion with John the aptist from pure motives.
5. He was a fisherman by trade and this ten led him to pass whole nights in stillss upon the water.
6. On the banks of the Jordan the Bapst directed John to Jesus, and he at once ecame the Lord's disciple and went with him on his return to Galilee.
7. During the time of his activity in sia Minor he was exiled by the Roman mperor to the Isle of Patmos where he rote the Apocalypse.
8. Some think he wrote the book that ears his name from this island while others hink it was written at Ephesus.
9. The three epistles of John testify that e was the pastor of a large diocese.
10. Jerome tells that when John was ery old he was so feeble that he could ot walk to church, and so the young men arried him. He was no longer able to say nuch, but he contantly repeated the words, "Little children, love one another." When sked why he constantly repeated this one aying, he replied: "Because it is the comnand of the Lord; and enough is done, if his is done."

John and Youth

Evidently John had a great interest in youth. John's Gospel is the only one revealing the story of the lad with the five loaves and the two fishes (John 6:5-15) and the story of the nobleman's son (John 4:46-54). We seldom think of John as one of the "sons of thunder." But he was, for he was the brother of James.

This apostle of love had his weakness, of course, not being above selfishness in the request recorded in Mark 10:35-41 for a position in the Kingdom at either the right or left hand of Christ. But the work of the grace of God in the heart of John transformed him from a fiery, sometimes selfish individual, to one of deep spiritual sense and wisdom.

As we summarize the life of John we realize that it is no wonder that our Lord gave His own mother into his charge, which He did at the cross (John 19:27). There are many lessons which may be drawn from the life of this quiet, self-effacing disciple of Christ. May God make each of us much like this "son of thunder"!

OUR AIMS

1. To appreciate the character and outlook of the "Beloved Disciple."
2. To study the transforming power of the love of Christ in our hearts.
3. To learn how to harness our emotions to make for a rich life.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the title by which we know the Apostle John?
2. What passage of Scripture reveals that John knew Jesus Christ very intimately?
3. What most impresses you in John?
4. Think over the friends you have had in the last four years. Have they helped or hurt you? Have you helped or hurt them? Have you kept them? How do you, as a friend, measure up to the tests of real Christian friendship John outlines?

Our Love for Our Friends

It has been said that, next to marriage and parenthood, friendship is the most exacting of human relationships. At its best, Emerson said, it is a task as well as a gratification. Nothing in this world, he insists, can be had for nothing, and a really great friendship is a test and a challenge and a time consumer.

What are the tests of friendship, would you say? Let us set down some of them:

a. *Truthfulness*—without which there can be no trust at all.

b. *Loyalty*—to believe in the best in our friends; not, indeed, to believe them faultless, but to believe in the best in them in spite of their faults; to speak to them, not to others, of their faults only when we really expect to help them.

c. *Tolerance*—the broadness not to insist that our friends have no interests or opinions or other friendships which we do not share.

d. *Fairness*—"As ye would that men should do to you."

e. *Forgiveness*—Do we never stand in need of this ourselves?

f. *Silence*—"A good friend," said one young person, "is one with whom you enjoy spending time and with whom it is not necessary to keep up a constant conversation."

g. *Worthy interests*—"suitably clad externally," wrote Ella Lyman Cabot, "but mentally clogged by a thousand irrelevant thoughts, I go to visit a friend." Why do we not take care, by meditation and prayer beforehand, and by thoughtfulness during the time we spend with our friends, to make that time more worthwhile?

h. *Reverence for personality*—"The first axiom of the spiritual life," says Hugh Black, "is the sacredness of the individuality of each. We must respect each other's personality . . . The one intolerable despotism in the world is the attempt to put a yoke on the souls of men, and there are some forms of intimacy which approach that despotism." Can you recall instances of the thing he mentions?

Some of us make friends quickly and lose them as rapidly. This may seem fine when we are young. Why bother to cultivate acquaintances whom we shall soon leave behind us? There are plenty of other people in the world. Yes, but as the years go by we shall find friends increasingly hard to acquire. And, as a character in a recent novel remarked, "friends whom we lose take something of us with them."

Those who are continually making and losing friends are likely to become in the end as poor as those who make money easily and spend it carelessly. If age could say only a very few things to youth, it would beg youth to learn to save its ideals, its health, its money, and its friends. As old Polonius counseled his son:

The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,
Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel. —*Shakespeare.*

Our Love for God

The highest ministry of human friendship is to point us to a friendship that is higher. Only God can satisfy the hunger that human companionhip leaves half-fed.

Augustine said, "Thou hast made us for Thyself, and we are restless till we rest in Thee."

Bible Meditations

M., Apr. 14. Love and Light. I John 2:4-11.
T. Apr. 15. Love and Sonship. I John 3:1,2.
W., Apr. 16. Love God—Love Your Brother. I John 3:10-15.
T., Apr. 17. Love Demands Sacrifice. I John 3:16-18.
F., Apr. 18. Love Produces Assurance. I John 3:19-24.
S. Apr. 19. Love Results in Obedience. I John 5:1-3.
Sun., Apr. 20. Topic—John—and My Love. Luke 9:51-54; I John 4:7-11.

Life-Long Loyalty

No. 3 in a Series: "Developing Christian Qualities"

II Timothy 4:1-8

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *APRIL*

*Comments by James Humphreys**

AIM

To find out what it means to be loyal to my Saviour, my church, my nation, and my friends.

How to Use This Topic

1. Assign parts in the program *a week in advance.* Give everyone a chance to participate.

2. Send out postcard invitations early in the week: "YOU are summoned to appear as a witness at the Christian Endeavor Subcommittee to Investigate the Loyalty of John Q. Jones, next Sunday night at—o'clock."

3. Ask four people to be Investigators W, X, Y, and Z. After each reads his report, let the group discuss it for five minutes. (Reports Y and Z can also be acted out informally.)

Leader's Talk

First, state in yuor own words the aim of the topic. Emphasize I Timothy 4:7, "I have fought a good fight . . . *I have kept the faith.*"

Then introduce the investigators: "W, X, Y, and Z will report now on their observations of John Q. Jones, an average young man in his late teens. John is a member of our church and is nominally a Christian. But we want to find out where his loyalties really lie. After each report is given, we'll talk over the important points in it."

Investigator W: Loyalty to Christ's Church

Sunday, April 20, 8:00 a.m.:

Mr. Sweeney, John's boss, gets him out of bed with a telephone call, asking him to work today (at time-and-a-half pay) on a rush printing job. John mumbles something about promising to usher at church this morning, but Mr. Sweeney cuts him off impatiently by asking where his loyalty to the company is and how he expects to get the promotion he's been waiting for if he won't make one small sacrifice.

John wavers a second or two, but then says, "OK, I'll be right over," and hangs up. He feels a little better about it when he figures up the extra money he'll earn toward the down payment on a car. Besides, he says to himself, there are plenty of other guys who can usher.

Talk it over:

1. What would you do in a situation like this?

2. Can a person lead a Christian life without taking an active part in the church?

3. Is it just as important to attend a church committee meeting or a choir practice as to attend church services? Why or why not?

Bible background: Matthew 6:33, Ecceslastes 9:10a, and Luke 4:16.

Investigator X: Loyalty to Nation

Tuesday, April 22, 6:30 p.m.:

Today is the primary election in John's state, where 18-year-olds are entitled to vote. John planned to do his voting right after he finished at the shop, but tonight he's been working overtime. Now he has only an hour to eat and get dressed for a date.

Riding home on the bus, he decides to skip this election. After all, he reasons, it isn't as important as the one in November. Besides, one vote can't change things much. Suddenly it occurs to him that he doesn't even know who the candidates are. "It's a good thing I'm not voting in that case," he tells himself.

Talk it over:

1. Discuss the three reasons John gives to back up his decision not to vote. Do you think any of them are valid?

2. Is there anything we can do to influence our local government if we haven't reached voting age? What about our influence on our parents?

Bible background: Proverbs 14:34 (How can our nation have "righteousness" without the *active* influence of Christians?)

Investigator Y: Loyalty to Friends

Friday, April 25, 4:30 p.m.:

John's best friend at work, Art Anderson, asks John to punch the time clock for him at five o'clock. He explains he has to get a haircut and pick up a suit for the formal banquet tonight at the high school. If he works until five, he won't have time to get ready. Besides, Mr. Sweeney is out of town for the weekend and won't know the difference.

John starts to say something, but then decides he can't say no to his best buddy. "OK," he says, "but just this one time."

Talk it over:

1. What would you have done in this case?

2. If yours is a high school group, you can discuss what to do if a friend wants to borrow homework or check answers during a test.

3. Which is more important—loyalty to principles or loyalty to friends?

Bible background: Proverbs 17:17, 18; I Samuel 18:1-5 (the friendship of Da and Jonathan).

Investigator Z: Loyalty to Christ

Saturday, April 26, 11:30 p.m.:

John has gone to a movie with a bu of the fellows he works with at the pr ing shop. Now one of them suggests tak a ride over the state line to a place wh teen-agers can buy drinks. John has ne done any drinking, but everybody else enthusiastic about the idea. He deci there's nothing he can do about it n and goes along.

The "one drink" they planned on ha ing turns into a full-scale party, and Jo doesn't get home until three o'clock Su day morning. When he wakes up n hours later with a headache, he begins wonder if he did the right thing.

Talk it over:

1. What would you do in this situatio (Ask for individual opinions and a similar experiences.)

2. How can we take a stand for Chr among non-Christians at home, at scho or at work?

Bible background: Proverbs 24:1, Matth 10:32-33, Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75 (t record of Peter's denial).

Let's Look at Our Loyalties

Read the following poem as a closi meditation, asking first the question: "He am I showing my loyalty to Christ?"

Thus Speaketh Christ Our Lord
Ye call me Master and obey me not,
Ye call me Light and seek me not,
Ye call me Way and walk me not,
Ye call me Life and desire me not,
Ye call me wise and follow me not,
Ye call me fair and love me not,
Ye call me rich and ask me not,
Ye call me eternal and seek me not,
Ye call me gracious and trust me not,
Ye call me noble and serve me not,
Ye call me mighty and honor me not,
Ye call me just and fear me not;
If I condemn ye, blame me not.

(Engraved on an old slab in the Cathedral of Lubeck, Germany)

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymns: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesu Rise Up, O Men of God;* and *Onwar Christian Soldiers*
Scripture Reading (in unison): II Tim thy 4:1-8
Special Music
Offering
Poem: *I Would Be True* (first stanza)
Sentence Prayers
Hymn: *I Would Be True*
Topic Discussion
Meditation: "Thus Speaketh Christ O Lord"
Consecration Hymn: *I Surrender All*
Benediction

Daily Devotional Readings

M., Apr. 21. I Will Be Loyal. Matthew 26:31-35.
T., Apr. 22. Loyal Friends. I Samuel 18:1-5.
W., Apr. 23. Loyal to Christ. Acts 5:25-32.
T., Apr. 24. Loyal to the Church. Hebrews 10:22-25.
F., Apr. 25. Loyal to God's Commands. Deuteronomy 6:16-18.
S., Apr. 26. Loyal Service. Colossians 3:16,17.
Sun., Apr. 27. Topic—Life-Long Loyalty. II Timothy 4:1-8.

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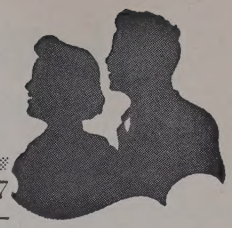
Thomas—and My Faith

No. 3 in a Series: "Learning from Apostles"

John 20:24-29



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Comments by Dr. Raymond M. Veh

"How May I Know?" Meeting

his topic can have a real Biblical basis. your Endeavorers to bring their Bibles. n as six important questions are asked the members look up passages. Opunity to express personal views on the stions might be given.

How May I Know There Is a God?
Exod. 6:7
er. 24:7
Miracle of creation (Ps. 19:1; Gen. 1:1)
By pages of history (Ps. 33:12)
By transformed lives (II Cor. 5:17)
In answered prayer (James 5:16; Heb. 4:15,16)
See God in Jesus Christ (John 14:9; John 3:17)

How May I Know the Bible Is the Word God?
John 5:13
Antiquity of the Book (I Pet. 1:25; Isa. 40:8)
Scientific accuracy
Universal respect

How May I Know Jesus Is the Son of d?
John 20:31
His Godlikeness (II Cor. 4:4; John 4:29)
Influence in the world
Because of the Cross

How May I Know I Am Saved?
All men are lost (Isa. 53:6)
Personal faith (Eph. 2:8)
Confession of Christ (Rom. 10:8-11)
Salvation (John 3:3)

How May I Know Christ Is Coming?
Bible teaches it (Dan. 7:13,14)
Fulfilled prophecy (Matt. 24:3,5,6,12)
Abounding iniquity (Rom. 1)

How May I Know God Cares?
He drank the cup of affliction.
He drank the cup of bereavement.
He drank the cup of death.
—Submitted by Wanda Canning, Kenton,

or Your Poster

At one side of the cardboard draw outline of a big question mark. In the ollow outline print "The Important (?) :" At the side print "What do YOU Beeve? Talk it over in Christian Endeavor night." Use a white question on blue ardboard or vice-versa.

Who Was Thomas?

According to historians, the real name Thomas is Judas, or Didymus, meaning "a twin." This is responsible for the adition that Thomas was a twin to Lydia; nd yet another that he was a twin to one the other disciples. However, we know hat he was born at Antioch, and that ccording to the tenth chapter of Mathew, verse three, he was closely associated with Matthew and Philip.

The first three Gospels hardly mention Thomas, but John reveals him as an interesting personality of singular charm. He was slow to believe and subject to fits of despondency, but he quickly sensed the difficulties of a situation.

He was commonly known as "doubting Thomas" and we hear this phrase many times today in reference to someone with his characteristics.

OUR AIMS

1. To discover that Thomas is typical of many doubters today.
2. To appreciate how Jesus dispelled Thomas's doubts.
3. To see how we can quell doubts by a positive faith today.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the cause of fear?
2. Is honest doubt sin?
3. When does doubt become sin? Can a Christian doubt and therefore be sinning against his Lord?
4. What cures honest doubt and turns it into belief?
5. Is faith more difficult today?
6. A little girl once said, "Jesus is the best photograph of God that was ever taken." Is this true?

His Traits of Character

Thomas' three traits of character are exhibited perfectly in the Gospel of John. The first is shown in his speech to Jesus after Mary and Martha of Bethany had sent word to the Master of Lazarus. The disciples, before they knew of this, tried to dissuade Jesus from going again to Judaea, as the Jews had lately sought to stone Him. But when Jesus said plainly that Lazarus was dead, they were silent—all but Thomas, who said, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." Always looking on the dark side, he must have been sure that this was the end of everything. But it was a duty that had to be done and he was not one to shirk or turn back, regardless of the consequences.

During the Last Supper when Jesus was telling the disciples of His imminent departure and of the preparations He was making for them, Thomas's eager devotion could not endure the thought of separation. The Master's announcement filled him with perplexity. He was in the dark, afraid to trust. The other disciples probably were feeling the same sense of ignorance and mystery, but it took Thomas to voice the question. If Thomas had not spoken, Jesus might never have said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

From the Bible

M., Apr. 21. What Is Faith? Hebrews 1:1-3,6.
T., Apr. 22. For Whom Faith Comes. Hebrews 12:2,3.
W., Apr. 23. How Does Faith Come. Romans 10:13-15,17.
T., Apr. 24. A Plea for Faith. Luke 17:5,6.
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Our Scripture

The third trait is revealed in our Scripture. Jesus died starkly—on a cross. The disciples had gone their separate ways. Then they came together again. It is a significant thing that John records "Thomas was not with them when Jesus came." Where was He? Nobody knows.

So far as the disciples were concerned Thomas was not only missing, but nobody knew where to find him—Thomas was unapproachable. They had failed the Lord, and none more than he who had spoken. Away from them all, in the melancholy of his thoughts and pessimism, Thomas would have nothing to do with them. His world had collapsed now.

Did he think the cause was over because his Lord was dead? He knew that he could at least have died with Him. The doubt that he expresses, "except" (Vs. 25) is not the doubt of intellectual difficulty, it is the torture of failure.

How To Deal with Our Doubts

1. *Be honest with them.* It is not the part of true faith to gloss over difficulties or to gulp them down. When Alice in Wonderland had difficulty in accepting a certain statement made to her, she was told to take a deep breath and try again. But real faith is not afraid of the truth—not afraid that the truth, whatever it proves to be, will do aught but set it free.

2. *Remember what we do believe.* A young man told President Faunce, of Brown University, that he could not believe certain religious doctrines. "But you are living wholly in your negatives," said President Faunce. "Go to your room—and write down all the things which you do believe beyond question and on which you are willing to act." Back in his room again the young man thought for a while and finally wrote, "I believe that the life of the Nazarene is the life I ought to live now and I am willing to try it." Thereupon a second and third affirmation occurred to him, and in the end he had enough to cover his paper.

3. *Live true to what we do believe.* If any man is willing to do God's will, Jesus said, he will know of the teaching. See John 7:17. As far as it proves itself, accept it. By doing as much of the right as is plain to us now we will arrive at all the truth we need to live by.

4. *Pray.* By prayer we find there is such a God as faith asserts.

5. *Remember the faith of Jesus.* We may be so beset by doubts that we do not know what to make of Jesus. But one thing, surely, is clear. Here is One who, being sure of God, lived out His faith in Him to the very end. And the result? A fact which is the fairest and the mightiest thing in history. Is there any other man who impresses us as being so competent to guide us in the realm of the spirit?

If we are as earnest and as loyal in our doubting as Thomas was, doubt will only lead us to a larger faith.

Christian Endeavor Honor Societies

International Society is happy to present the first list of societies and unions who have officially become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor by financial support during the 1958 Society Roll Call. Special certificates have been given to these organizations. The societies and unions are listed as those receiving gold seals (having given $50 or more), red seals (having contribu $25), and blue seals (having given $10). Named alphab cally according to states and provinces, this list inclu those who enrolled during the Mobilization efforts in Ja ary. As other societies and unions make their enrollm they will be listed in future publications.

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Alpha Alumni Fellowship, National City Christian Church, Washington, D.C.
Board of Education, General Eldership of the Churches of God in North America, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Red Seal

Junior, Third Reformed Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan
The General Baptist Press, Poplar Bluff, Missouri
Alumni Fellowship of New York City, New York
Harmony Presbyterian Church, Perryopolis, Pennsylvania
Blountville Christian Church, Blountville, Tennessee

Blue Seal

Adult, Lake Avenue Congregational Church, Pasadena, California
Adelphic, Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colorado
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Wilmington, Delaware
Adult, Presbyterian Church of Our Saviour, Chicago Heights, Illinois
Danforth Reformed Church, Danforth, Illinois
Alumni Association of Vermilion County, Danville, Illinois
Senior High, First Christian Church, Crown Point, Indiana
Wren Circuit, Decatur, Indiana
Intermediate, Howell General Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana
Junior, Howell General Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana
First Christian Church, Hobart, Indiana
Fairlawn United Brethren Church, Kokomo, Indiana
Intermediate, Bethel Reformed Church, Sheldon, Iowa
Wall Street, Mound City, Kansas
Shady Grove General Baptist Church, Poole, Kentucky
Gray Hawk Reformed Church, Gray Hawk, Kentucky
Adkins Reformed Church, Gray Hawk, Kentucky
Mizpah, Broadway Christian Church, Lexington, Kentucky
Central United Brethren Church, Rohrersville, Maryland
Sagamore Alumni, Carlisle, Massachusetts
Hopedale Union Evangelical Church, Hopedale, Massachusetts
Senior, Ottawa Reformed Church, West Olive, Michigan
First Reformed Church, Edgerton, Minnesota
Park Hill Reformed Church, South Yonkers, New York
Senior, Jermain Memorial Presbyterian Church, Watervliet, New York
Adult-Alumni Department, New Jersey Union, Bloomfield, New Jersey
Junior, Second Reformed Church, Somerville, New Jersey
Mt. Tabor Church of God, Celina, Ohio
Sixth United Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, Ohio
Good Shepherd Chapel, Lancaster, Ohio
Lambton County Fellowship, Sarnia, Ontario
Central United Church, Sarnia, Ontario
Welland County Union, Ridgeway, Ontario
Junior and Intermediate, First Presbyterian Church, Baden, Pennsylvania
Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania
St. Thomas Union Church, Bernville, Pennsylvania
Eberly's Mill Church of God, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania
Plainfield Lutheran Church, Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Young People's, King Street United Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania
Bell Memorial Presbyterian Church, Ellwood City, Pennsylvania
Adult, Zion's Evangelical Reformed Church, Greenville, Pennsylvania
Junior, North Liberty Presbyterian Church, Grove City, Pennsylvania
Grace Evangelical United Brethren Church, Uriah, Pennsylvania
St. Bartholemew's Union Church, Hanover, Pennsylvania
St. David's Union Church, Hanover, Pennsylvania
Junior, Evangelical United Brethren Church, Hummelstown, Pennsylvania
Unity Presbyterian Church, Mercer, Pennsylvania
Sandy Hollow Church of God, New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania
Carlisle Springs, Lutheran & Reformed Churches, Newville, Pennsylvania
Senior, Indian Head Church of God, Indian Head, Pennsylvania
Adult, Second Evangelical United Brethren Church, Palmyra, Pennsylvania
Disston Memorial Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Geiger Memorial Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Senior, Leverington Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Senior High, Leverington Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Intermediate, Palethorp Memorial Presbyteri Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Alumni, Zion Presbyterian Church, Philadelph Pennsylvania
Bethlehem Congregational Church, Disputant Virginia
Hope Chapel, Norfolk, Virginia
Adult, First Evangelical United Brethren Church, Martinsburg, West Virginia
First Reformed Church, Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin

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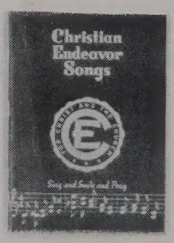

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NEWS

from around the wor

ent issue of The Fort Worth Press car- a very fine picture and article entitled ed 10c on First Dollar, FW Business- Still at It." The subject was Fred B. r, former president of the Texas Union a member of the board of trustees of nternational Society.

Photo by Mary Moffitt

an-up—that's our job," say Cheryl Crow, Metta Bunch, Gloria Carter, Opal Crocker, Annette Crow (pictured left to right). These s Endeavorers paused long enough for a o after the chili supper at Richardson Av- Christian Church, Dallas, during Christian avor Week. Members of the congregation invited to attend. (Some of the fellows ed with the chores, too, even though not ared.)

the banquet on January 28 for Endeav- s of Connellsville Branch, Fayette nty (Pennsylvania) Union, Rev. L. e Stewart of Clairton Methodist Church llenged the 125 youth present to break riers and build bridges. A total of 0 was received in International Society nberships from those present. Wanetta ler is the president.

gh school Endeavorers of Prescott Avenue ited Brethren Church in Dayton, Ohio, e organized a baby sitting service. Ten cent of their earnings goes into a spe- fund to help pay expenses of attending state convention in Painesville.

vid Dossett of Princeton, Indiana, helped pare three fifteen-minute radio programs ich were presented over a local radio tion during Christian Endeavor Week. vid is the General Baptist representative the Youth Assembly of the International iety.

Park Street Congregational Church in Boston was the scene of a Christian Endeavor Anniversary Service on February 2 attended by eastern Massachusetts Endeavorers. "Christ Is the Answer" was the theme for the meeting which was under the direction of Harry Wong. Rev. Richard B. Hardy of First Baptist Church, West Hartford, Connecticut, was the speaker.

Endeavorers of St. Johns Christian Church of Portland, Oregon, are taking part in several projects to raise funds. Their goal is to attend the International Christian Endeavor Convention in Philadelphia in 1959.

United Brethren in Christ youth of the Auglaize Conference attended a rally on January 26, Denominational Sunday, in Dayton, Ohio. The speaker was Dr. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society. Of the 240 present, about 70 were Juniors.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling spoke at the annual banquet of the Poling Alumni Foundation on February 22 in Cleveland, Ohio. Alvin Beeler is president and Janet Koch banquet chairman.

Erie County (Pennsylvania) Endeavorers participated in a radio broadcast on January 26 over Station WICU. The program was written by Richard Wagner. On February 2 they presented an hour-long telecast on the "Your Church" program over a local station. Other Christian Endeavor Week events included a banquet on February 1.

Mrs. Mac Senter

Gordon McMordie

Mrs. Senter's first topic comments for Intermediates appear in this issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. She and her husband are the youth directors of Victoria Baptist Church in San Bernardino, California, with four active societies. Her life verse is II Timothy 2:15.

On February 1 Gordon McMordie, president of the Pennsylvania Union, resigned to become field secretary of the state. Harold M. Pittman will serve as acting president until the convention in August. Gordon will be working with Warren G. Hoopes, Sr., who is general secretary for Pennsylvania.

Mercer County (Ohio) Endeavorers enjoyed a social evening during Christian Endeavor Week and then met on February 2 for a communion service. Wanna Sell is president.

On February 22 Peggie Sue Harmon and Alvand R. Williams were married in the Johnson Bible College Chapel at Kimberlin Heights, Tennessee. Peggie Sue is an active Christian Endeavorer and has served as field secretary for the Tennessee Christian Endeavor Union.

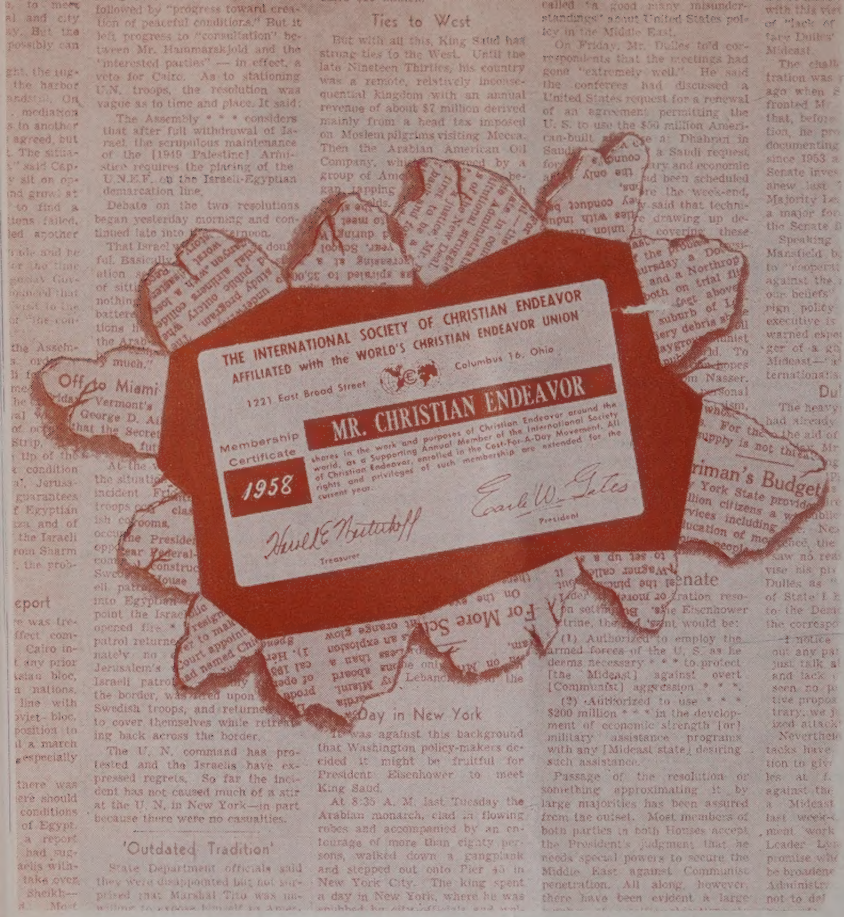
T. Shep Clark of Augusta, Georgia, sponsored a Christian Endeavor dinner on February 2.

Wedding bells rang out on February 21 for Darlene Bonser, office secretary of the Los Angeles County Union, and Les Anderson, county union president. They were united in marriage at the First Brethren Church of Inglewood, California.

Photo by Ralph Romig

Ohio Endeavorers are very interested in photos of the Christian Endeavor Mission Hall in Spandau, Berlin, Germany. They have just voted to furnish the young people's prayer room as a special project. Pictured with Ohio's president, Rev. Clarence A. Kopp, Jr. (left) are Doyle Mutti, Martha Walke, Patsy Pugh, and Samuel Clark (from left to right). Under the direction of Missionary Superintendent, Miss Walke, Ohio has just completed a project of aid to an African leper village.

Pictured below are German young people attending the Christian Endeavor Bible Conference at the Mission Hall. Held twice each year, about half of those attending come from the Soviet zone, according to Willy Lehmann, president of the Berlin Christian Endeavor Federation. Evangelistic work in the new hall was started last October.



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